

# British Tunnelling Society

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the British Tunnelling Society which was held in the Institution of Civil Engineers, Gt. George St., London on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006.*

The Chairman of the Meeting was Mr. D. Court.

## **1. James Clark Medal**

The James Clark medal was presented to Alan Dyke in recognition of his contribution to all aspects of tunnelling over many years. There was a brief summary of the life of James Clark and the history of the Medal before presenting a brief biographical overview of Alan Dyke's career.

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

The notice convening the meeting had been circulated before the meeting along with the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting. The minutes were approved without change.

The motion for the adoption of the minutes as a true record of the meeting was proposed by Bill Grose, seconded by Jack Knight, and was carried unanimously.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report had been circulated to members before the AGM.

In commenting on the report, the Chairman acknowledged that there was a downturn in the industry following the completion of major projects. Despite that, he felt that it had been a busy year for the BTS and reported that membership numbers were still increasing. Reference was made to the publication of the 'Closed Face Working Group Best Practice Guide' by Thomas Telford and that sales have been encouraging. The Chairman also noted that this had been a successful year in terms of finances with there being a modest surplus after the year end.

Feedback from attendee's of the 'Underground Construction 2005' Conference has been very good with papers and exhibits considered to be of a high standard. As well as the Tunnelling Industry Awards an additional award was presented this year for the "Young Engineer of the Year" for which entries were of a high standard.

This year also saw the launch of the historical database on the BTS website, providing in-depth information on completed tunneling projects. It has proved to be a popular addition to the website.

The Chairman noted that as a result of the general election there will be a new Chairman for the Associated Parliamentary Group, Nick Raynesford MP.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their support during his term as BTS Chairman, and wished the authors and presenters of papers for the evening meetings, as well as BTS members. The Chairman wished the incoming Chair and new committee every success in the forthcoming period.

The motion for the adoption of the Chairman's report was proposed by Bill Redhead, seconded by Chris Smith and was carried unanimously.

#### **4. Accounts for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005**

Copies of the accounts had already been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments on the accounts from the membership.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Chris Smith, seconded by Paul Hoyland, and was carried unanimously.

#### **5. Election to BTS Committee**

The committee had three vacancies to be filled this year. Five candidates had stood for election and Geoff Bateman, Colin Eddie and Damian McGirr had been elected to join the committee.

The Chairman thanked all the candidates for coming forward for election.

#### **6. Auditors**

Grant Thornton were proposed as auditors of the Society's accounts for a further year by Anthony Umney, seconded by Mike King, and was carried unanimously.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

As there was no other business, the meeting was closed.